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In re Application of:

VENKITESWATAN SUBRAMANIAN *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/373,333

Group Art Unit: 1638

Filed: August 12, 1999

Examiner: D. Kruse

For: DNA SHUFFLING TO PRODUCE HERBICIDE SELECTIVE CROPS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 13, 2000, the Examiner grouped the claims as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-37 drawn to methods of mutating DNA and screening for mutated DNA which confers herbicide tolerance, and a transgenic plant transformed with a mutated DNA;
- Group II: Claims 38-50 drawn to a mixture of DNAs;
- Group III: Claims 51-54 drawn to methods of conferring herbicide tolerance in a plant or plant cell by transformation with shuffled DNAs;
- Group IV: Claims 55-60 drawn to methods of predicting long-term efficacy of an herbicide using a transgenic plant cell.

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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I claims 1-37, without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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